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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 62 as indicated below and cancel Claims 32-36, 39-50 and 63-68.

1. – 58. (Cancelled)

59. (Previously Presented) An isolated peptide selected from the group consisting of AFE, LFSH (SEQ ID NO: 1), ILKEKH (SEQ ID NO: 2), LIVTQ (SEQ ID NO: 3), MKG, LDIQK (SEQ ID NO: 4), ALPMH (SEQ ID NO: 5), VTSTAV (SEQ ID NO: 6), LVYPFPGPIPNQLPQNIPP (SEQ ID NO: 8) and LFRQ (SEQ ID NO: 9).

60. – 61. (Cancelled)

62. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing systolic blood pressure in a subject which comprises:

individually isolating one or more administering an effective amount of an isolated peptide or a combination of isolated peptides selected from the group consisting of AFE, LFSH (SEQ ID NO: 1), ILKEKH (SEQ ID NO: 2), LIVTQ (SEQ ID NO: 3), MKG, LDIQK (SEQ ID NO: 4), ALPMH (SEQ ID NO: 5), VTSTAV (SEQ ID NO: 6), LVYPFPGPIPNQLPQNIPP (SEQ ID NO: 8) and LFRQ (SEQ ID NO: 9); and

administering an effective amount of a composition comprising the isolated peptide or peptides.

63. – 68. (Cancelled)

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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Applicants thank the Examiner for the opportunity to discuss the rejection of Claim 62 in telephonic interviews on September 27, 2004 and October 6, 2004. The Examiner and Andrew Merickel agreed that the cited art does not teach or suggest a step of individually isolating one of the recited peptides. Claim 62 is amended accordingly and the Examiner said that because he had extensively considered the art he would be willing to enter the amendment after Final.